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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED MEETING IN BELGRADE: ROK ACTIVITIES

REF: A) SEOUL 5841 (NOTAL), B) SEOUL 5245 (NOTAL)

1. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUREAU DIRECTOR CHONG U YONG JULY 10 GAVE POLITICAL COUNSELOR EXTENSIVE BRIEFING ON ROK PREPARATIONS TO DATE FOR BELGRADE MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS. HE SAID THAT ROK HAD ORIGINALLY SOUGHT SPONSORS FOR PROPOSED LANGUAGE (TEXT BELOW) AND HAD OBTAINED AGREEMENT TO CO-SPONSOR FROM EIGHT (ZAIRE, MAURITIUS, NIGER, CHAD, SIERRA LEONE, OMAN, QATAR, AND, IF THEY WENT, SAUDI ARABIA). OTHERS HAD BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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WILLING TO SUPPORT OR TO CONSIDER IT FAVORABLY. HOWEVER, NONE HAD BEEN WILLING TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO PROPOSE IT (THE ROK HAD ASKED ZAIRE BUT THE LATTER FELT THEIR PROBLEMS WITH THE CUBANS WOULD BE OVERRIDING FOR THEM) AND NONE OF THE ASIAN NATIONS WAS WILLING TO CO-SPONSOR IT. FOR THESE REASONS THE ROKG HAD DROPPED THE IDEA AND DECIDED TO FOCUS ON MAXIMIZING THE RESERVATIONS THEY COULD OBTAIN.

2. THE ROK IS APPROACHING 43 OF THE 87 NATIONS DUE TO ATTEND THE BELGRADE MEETING. TWENTY-TWO HAVE PROMISED TO EXPRESS RESERVATIONS AGAINST THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT THAT IS NOW BEING CIRCULATED (TEXT BELOW): CHAD, GABON, GAMBIA, IVORY COAST, LIBERIA, MAURITIUS, NIGER, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SWAZILAND, ZAIRE, MOROCCO, JORDAN, OMAN, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, INDIA, INDONESIA, SRI LANKA, MALDIVES, NEPAL, AND PERU. FOURTEEN ARE CONSIDERING

THEIR RESPONSE: CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, GUINEA, KENYA, LESOTHO, UGANDA, UPPER VOLTA, DJIBOUTI, BAHRAIN, SUDAN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, SINGAPORE, ARGENTINA, AND PANAMA. THOSE STILL TO BE APPROACHED ARE: BOTSWANA, GHANA, MALAWI, TUNISIA, BANGLADESH, MALAYSIA, AND JAMAICA.

3. OF THOSE NOT YET COMMITTED CHONG SAID THEY HOPE FOR RESERVATIONS FROM ABOUT TEN. THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE 25 OBTAINED AT COLOMBO AND WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO THE ROKG. CHONG THOUGHT IN PARTICULAR THAT SUCH A TREND WOULD DISCOURAGE PYONGYANG FROM INITIATIVES IN THE UNGA.

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4. REGARDING ROK EFFORTS TO SEND OBSERVERS TO BELGRADE, CHONG SAID THAT THE REQUEST TO YUGOSLAVIA THROUGH THE SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED A CLEAR NEGATIVE REPLY. TWO REPORTERS AT THE UN WHO HAD APPLIED ON THEIR OWN HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A RESPONSE BUT CHONG DID NOT EXPECT A FAVORABLE ONE.

5. AS REGARDS THE EGYPTIAN ATTITUDE, CHONG SAID THAT RELATIONS WERE PERSONALLY FRIENDLY BUT EXPLAINED THAT THE EGYPTIANS WERE "INDEBTED" TO THE NORTH KOREANS AND COULD NOT SUPPORT THE ROK. THE ROK HAD THEREFORE DECIDED AGAINST SEEKING THEIR COOPERATION IN THE NON-ALIGNED CONTEXT.

6. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT FOR WHICH ROK HAD SOUGHT SPONSORSHIP:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE FOLLOWING STATES,
NOTING THAT PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA IS THE
DESIRE AND ASPIRATION OF THE ENTIRE KOREAN PEOPLE,

REALIZING THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF LASTING PEACE
ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PROMOTION
OF PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA AND PRESERVING
WORLD PEACE,

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA
BE ACHIEVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS ON THE BASIS OF THE FREELY
EXPRESSED WILL OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE,

NOTING THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS IN THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS YEAR IN
ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

EXPRESS THE FOLLOWING VIEWS ON THE KOREAN QUESTION:

1. THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA SHOULD ENDEAVOR
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PROMOTING NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN THE SPIRIT OF THE
JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON JULY 4, 1972.

2. THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES SHOULD HELP BOTH THE
SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA RESUME THEIR DIALOGUE
WITHIN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME IN ORDER TO FACILITATE
A VIABLE SOLUTION OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM BETWEEN THE TWO
PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED.

END TEXT

7. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON KOREA THAT
IS NOW BEING CIRCULATED, DRAFTED BY YUGOSLAVS. CHONG
CHARACTERIZED IT AS LONGER THAN THE HAVANA PARAGRAPH BUT
ESSENTIALLY THE SAME IN CONTENT, AND EQUALLY UNACCEPTABLE:

BEGIN TEXT:

PARAGRAPH (DRAFT) ON THE KOREAN QUESTIONS - BELGRADE -
JULY 29, 1978.

29. THE CONFERENCE OBSERVES WITH CONCERN THAT DESPITE THE WISHES OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE FOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THEIR COUNTRY, IT CONTINUES TO REMAIN DIVIDED, AND THERE ARE STILL FOREIGN MILITARY TROOPS AND FOREIGN MILITARY BASES, AND THE PROVOCATIVE MILITARY MANOEUVERS ARE STAGED ON THE TERRITORY OF SOUTH KOREA, WHICH GENERATES TENSIONS AND CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

THE MINISTERS WELCOME THE STAND OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON THE PEACEFUL AND INDEPENDENT UNIFICATION OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND DIALOGUE, FREE FROM ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, IN KEEPING WITH THE THREE PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE, PEACEFUL UNIFICATION AND GREAT NATIONAL UNITY, SET OUT
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IN THE JOINT NORTH-SOUTH STATEMENT OF 4 JULY 1972.

THE CONFERENCE CALLS UPON ALL COUNTRIES TO RESPECT THE DESIRE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE FOR UNIFICATION AND, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THEIR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION, TO WITHDRAW ALL FOREIGN TROOPS, DISSOLVE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, DISMANTLE ALL MILITARY BASES AND OTHER MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON THE TERRITORY OF SOUTH KOREA.

SIMILARLY, THEY CALL UPON ALL THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO INSTITUTE NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO FIND A WAY TO TRANSFORM THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT INTO A PEACE TREATY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS OF THE UNIFICATION OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS RESOLUTELY REJECT ALL ATTEMPTS TO PERPETUATE THE DIVISION OF KOREA THROUGH THE CREATION OF TWO KOREAS.

END TEXT.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS ADDRESSEE POSTS CAN PROVIDE RE LIKELY RESPONSES OF HOST GOVERNMENTS ON THIS ISSUE, ESPECIALLY FROM THOSE NOT YET COMMITTED.
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